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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/939,726	Applicant(s) STORZ ET AL.	
	Examiner Rodney E Fuller	Art Unit 2851	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Rodney E Fuller. (3)_____.

(2) Martin Cosenza. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: 13 April 2004.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☒ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,4 and 6-8.

Identification of prior art discussed: Karpol, et al. (US 6,369,888) and Podoleanu, et al. (US 5,975,697).

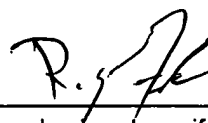
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Rodney Fuller
Primary Examiner



Examiner's signature, if required

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Regarding claim 1, the applicant amended the claim to include the limitation of a microscope. The examiner maintains that Karpol teaches a confocal microscope, even though it does not expressly use the term "microscope." Regarding claim 4, the applicant argues that Karpol does not utilize a modulator that is either a mirror, a lens or a beam splitter. The examiner acknowledges that Karpol teaches the use of only an acousto-optic or electro optic modulator and not a mirror, a lens or a beam splitter a modulator. However, the examiner noted that Podoleanu discloses the use of different types of modulators to modify the phase angle of the light. Therefore, Podoleanu may after review provide an obvious rejection. Regarding claim 6, the examiner acknowledges that the modulator is not moved in Karpol. However, the examiner maintains a control element must be used with a modulator. Regarding claim 7, the examiner acknowledges that Karpol does not use a piezo element. However Podoleanu discloses the use of a piezo element as a modulator. Regarding claim 8, the examiner acknowledges that Karpol does not teach wherein the modulator influences the laser light source.